GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Drug Trafficking
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of drugs seized by the Narcotics Control Bureau during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the World Drug Report 2016 released by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) which specifically mentions that India has become a transit point for drug trafficking because of the low value assigned to heroin in the Indian Market;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has database on drug users apart from indirect indicators like registered drug users or law enforcement data and if so, the details thereof and the frequency of its monitoring;

(e) whether the Government is aware of the increasing trend of committing suicides in the country due to drug addiction and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(f) the action taken by the Government against the illegal trade of drugs; and

(g) whether drug trafficking is spreading through border areas of the country as a part of conspiracy and if so, the action plan formulated to prevent the above menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): The quantum of drugs seized during the last three years and current year, state-wise is placed as Annexure-A.
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(b) & (c): The world Drug Report, 2016 released by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) mentions that the departure and transit countries in Asia are mostly in the Middle East (UAE, Jordan and Lebanon) and in South East Asia (Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines and India). The Report mentions that "heroin in the domestic retail market is considered to be of low value and that this reflects a distinct market from the heroin transiting India from Afghanistan and headed for other destinations".
The Indian manufactured heroin is of low quality in comparison to Afghan heroin therefore sold at lower price whereas Afghanistan heroin being of higher quality has a distinct market. The government is taking various steps as mentioned in point ('f') and ('g') of the question.
d) & (e): No such data base is available regarding drug users and suicide cases due to drug addiction.
(f) & (g): Steps taken by the Government to prevent drug trafficking include intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes, strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points, increased international cooperation for exchange of information and
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investigative assistance in administering control over the movement of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals, training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combating drug menace, sharing of real time information and coordination operation with Nodal agencies of neighbouring countries and empowerment of Border Security Force, Sashastra Seema Bal and Coast Guard under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act for making interdiction of narcotic drugs and to prevent smuggling of the same.

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